

January 6, 2022

Dear Friends and Family,

NOTE: This is an interactive newsletter. Click on any picture or link for larger images and/or more information.



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2021 began with both of us getting our vaccinations as soon as they were available. The minute Ron had his second shot, he scheduled a much-needed knee replacement, which took place on March 30. A month later, we had our first outing since March of 2020, when we drove to Oregon to deliver Caryl’s quilts for a solo exhibition at the Latimer Center for Quilts and Textiles. At the end of June, we returned to pick up the quilts and spent a few extra days visiting friends and relatives in the Portland area.

On June 11, we celebrated Caryl’s birthday with a trip to the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island.

It’s a beautiful two-mile walking trail and Ron was able to enjoy it with his new knee even though it rained for most of the day.

In July, we celebrated Ron’s birthday with a trip to Orcas Island where we rented a cottage for three days.

At the end of July, we hosted our annual Bryer/Howell family reunion, which we had missed in 2020. It was wonderful to get together with family again.



QUILTING:

Caryl made seventeen new quilts in 2021 in preparation for three upcoming, solo exhibitions this coming Spring and Summer. Click on any picture for the whole story and larger images. All of Caryl’s upcoming exhibitions are listed on her website: www.bryerpatch.com.



[Remote Float #1](#)



[Grey & Gold](#)



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[Jacuzzi Jazz #2:](#)



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[Splendor in the Grass #4](#)



[Miniature 2021A](#)



[Miniature 2021B](#)



[Zigzags & Ellipses#1](#)



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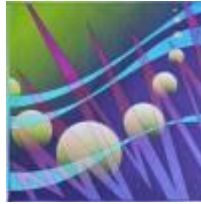
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[Zigzags & Circles #5](#)



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[Columbine #1](#)

Caryl's quilts were in several exhibitions this year, some live and some virtual. Her work was once again included in Quilt National, but we cancelled plans to attend the closing celebration because of the Delta surge. We're hoping that the live shows will all be able to go on as planned in 2022.

Caryl took most of the Summer off from quilting and spent many hours in the garden, creating raised flower beds surrounded by Columbia River rock with woodchip covered paths in between in the area she cleared in 2020. Hopefully we'll have some nice flower photos for you a year from now.

In October, we were both able to get Covid boosters and had fun at a Halloween party with neighbors and local friends before Omicron kept us close to home once again.

During our isolation this year, Ron and I have felt very lucky to have each other and a comfortable home in a spot that is pretty close to paradise on earth.



We wish you safety, health, and joy in 2021.

Ron & Caryl



Ron's photos of Mt. Baker and a young bobcat by taken from/on our deck.